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SUBJECT: CONTACT WITH SIAD BARRE

1. I HAVE UNSUCCESSFULLY BEEN TRYING TO CONTACT THE PRESIDENCY FOR THE PAST TWO HOURS. SIAD HAS JUST FINISHED ADDRESSING A LARGE STADIUM RALLY AND I CAN ONLY PRESUME HIS IMMEDIATE STAFF ARE WITH HIM. I SHALL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR AN APPOINTMENT, BUT SINCE I DO NOT YET HAVE THE PROMISED PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE, I WILL ASK TO SEE HIM EARLY TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY THE EIGHTH.

2. SIAD'S SPEECH ACCORDING TO THE FIRST ORAL SUMMARY I HAVE WAS A DEFIANT MESSAGE ANNOUNCING HE WOULD NOT RESIGN, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO FULFILL HIS RESPONSIBILITIES TO HIS PEOPLE. HE SAID HE HAD SOUGHT HELP FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, BUT NONE WAS FORTHCOMING. SOMALIA, HOWEVER, WOULD FIGHT ON. I SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CLEARER IDEA OF PRECISELY WHAT ELSE HE MAY HAVE SAID BEFORE MAKING OUR REPRESENTATION. AT THIS POINT I FRANKLY QUESTION THE ADVISABILITY OF ANOTHER ABANDON THE OGADEN COMMUNICATION, PARTICULARLY SINCE I

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BELIEVE SIAD WAS MAKING PUBLIC THE OUTCOME OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEBATES OF THE LAST TWO DAYS, AND THE ANSWER IS FROM WHAT I HAVE TO DATE--UNYIELDING.
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